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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**IKARI, Masanori**

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Group Art Unit: **3661**

Examiner: **Thu NGUYEN**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **2044**

For: **WORKING UNIT CONTROL APPARATUS OF EXCAVATING  
AND LOADING MACHINE**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3661**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 4, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.